

Google Lit Trips

Google Lit Trips are free, downloadable files that mark the journeys of characters from famous literature on the surface of Google Earth. At each location along the journey there are placemarks with pop-up windows containing a variety of resources including relevant media, thought provoking discussion starters, and links to supplementary information.

The focus is on creating engaging and relevant literary experiences for students. Google Lit Trips "3-dimensionalize" the reading experience by placing readers inside the story and traveling alongside the characters whether it be looking through the windshield of that old jalopy in *The Grapes of Wrath* or waddling alongside Mr. and Mrs. Mallard's duckling family in *Make Way for Ducklings.*"

Google Lit Trips are designed to stimulate higher level thinking skills that connect the story's themes and messages to the issues of the real world in which students live.

